



Christ the King Catholic Academy

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Farewell

Can you believe that Mrs Cullen is retiring?! Mrs Cullen has been a warm and familiar face in our school office for nearly 13 years. Her long service, dedication and support of all things CTK is beyond words, but her effort in organising me to be in the right place at the right time with the right papers is something else! I will miss her terribly but know she is eager to spend time with her wonderful husband Phil, her large and growing family but in particular her gorgeous grandson Reuben. So the race is now on and we are advertising for her replacement. Do you know of anyone that might be interested? The closing date for applications is next week. We are encouraging visits to school. Here is the link to the application: <https://ctkacademy.co.uk/job-vacancies-2/>

Dance Festival

What a brilliant night! On Wednesday evening, the children from CTK Dance performed at the Winter Gardens Dance Festival along with many other schools from across our town. The children performed a kings and queens mix involving Whitney Houston, Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson. The children were FANTASTIC in the performance and Miss Calvert was incredibly proud of their efforts. A huge thank you to all staff and parents for your support on the night and during the day time rehearsal. Roll on the next one!



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24th Nov

Parents' Evening

Friday 25th Nov

Christmas Fair

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Christmas Jumper Day





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Golden Book Assembly

Congratulations to all those that received a certificate this week.

Nursery Francine E for joining in so well with our Nativity rehearsals. We love how enthusiastic you are!

Rafeal M for some excellent number work this week. You could show numbers using different resources and tell me what you were doing. Well done!

Reception Ethan N for showing such a good attitude to learning. Ethan always asks to have a go at an activity and really tries his best. He has shown great progression, keep it up Ethan!

Kailo U-F for trying so hard with his writing, Kailo is forming some letters so neatly and it is lovely to see him so proud of his achievement. Well done Kailo!

Year 1 Ruby V for always being a super friend and a great help around the classroom. Mrs Kirkham said Ruby is her little ray of sunshine!!

Willow S for always being persistent in her work and during choose time. Willow will choose to carry on with her work and want to improve it and will do this in her choose time. Super job Willow!

Year 2 Michael. Michael has been working super hard in maths and writing this week! He has blown us away with his enthusiasm!

Year 3 Amiyah R. Amiyah is a good role model to the class. She is always polite, well-behaved and works hard. Well done Amiyah!

Ryan K. Ryan is making an improvement with his behaviour and his concentration in class. As a result he is more confident, puts his hand up more and gives great answers in lessons.

Year 4 Alicia L. Alicia is always a dependable student and always sets a good example to others, but this week I have seen a positive change in her confidence in the class. Keep being amazing Alicia

Lottie B. Lottie is in the Golden Book for the mature head on her shoulders and setting a good standard for others to follow.

Year 5 Mia J for going above and beyond in her duties as school councillor! Mia created multiple posters at home to be used around school and even wrote a letter to the council asking for recycling bags in every classroom. She did all this in her own time and had it ready the DAY AFTER the meeting. What a great, conscientious attitude. Well done, Mia!

Kevi R. Kevi has produced some excellent sentences about tortoises during our sentence practise this week. She listens carefully to input and has made sure those tricky commas are in the correct place - well done Kevi!

Year 6 Kaja C For a huge improvement in home reading. Kaja has gone above and beyond with home reading this week and has done 8 reads with her parents. Well done Kaja! What a good example you are setting to your classmates.

Olly-Jay B. Well done Olly Jay for a huge improvement with home

reading. Olly is now reading more at home and this is having a huge impact on his reading in school.

Olly is working hard with mum on his fluency score too. Keep it up!!





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Christmas Card Competition

The Children's Commissioner (Dame Rachel de Souza) is looking for a design for her Christmas cards this year, and asked if our trust primary schools might like to enter.

The slight challenge is timing. We need them by Tuesday 22nd November! So a definite this weekend task. Mrs O'Neill will ask directors to blind judge them (bake off style) and the two top entries will be sent to the commissioner.

Feast Of Christ The King

The Feast of Christ the King Sunday 20th November. You are all warmly invited to join us for the Feast of Christ the King Family Mass, which will take place on Sunday 20th November at the church of Christ the King. After Mass there will be tea, coffee, biscuits and other refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there! Sadly Mrs Smith is unable to attend the feast day this year but is looking forward to hearing all about it next week.

Reception Places

Is your child starting school in September? Then get in touch and come to see us! We are a happy, inclusive and caring school community. Deadline for school applications is 15th January. Call to book a school tour, to see our wonderful Early Years classroom and to meet some of our staff.



Yogi Group

On Wednesday we had a visit from the Yogi Group who completed a session on mindfulness, mental health and well-being. Each year group joined in and thoroughly enjoyed taking part.



After School Club

The after school club bookings are checked regularly throughout the day. The final list goes to Mrs McNamee around 2:30pm. If you are booking your child on AFTER this time please contact the office to let us know as after this time we can't always guarantee that we will see any late bookings in time before the children finish school.

Mock Sats

Done! What a hard week for our Year 6 children, getting into the swing of all things SATS. But they have done so and done so well. Thank you for your hard work children. These assessments give us a rehearsal of what it will be like in May. It also helps staff to support you with aspects you find hard as well as celebrate what you have answered well. Results will be shared as part of your parents' evening experience, which can be booked via the app.

Neighbourhood Policing Team

Last night was another difficult and busy evening and parents continue to come into the car park despite our reminders. We have had more complaints from parents and visitors to school. We are eager to work with the local police to support a change in behaviour for this small group of parents that create an unsafe space for all of our children and staff.



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Confirmation

On Saturday five of our Year 6 pupils (Oliwier T, Poppy O, Heidi P, Thomas A and Eva S) receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the form of their Confirmation. We had our rehearsal on Tuesday evening and those present were able to go to confession if they wished, to conclude their preparations. The children have been supported throughout this journey of preparation for the sacrament of confirmation with the help of a team of catechists across the parish. A huge thank you to them as well as children and their families themselves. We look forward to the celebration together on Saturday evening at St Kent's Church.



Parent Course

These fantastic free sessions are run by friendly local parents. They provide practical tips and advice on how to bring up confident happy and co-operative children. The course lasts for 9 weeks and free childcare is available.

Time	Venue	Starting	Ending
10.00am – 12.00pm	Kincraig Primary School Kincraig Road, FY2 0HN	Tuesday 17 th January	Tuesday 21 st March
10.00am – 12.00pm	The HealthWorks 1 Clifton Street, FY1 1JD	Wednesday 18 th January	Wednesday 22 nd March
6.00pm – 8.00pm	Online using Google Meet	Tuesday 17 th January	Tuesday 21 st March

Topics covered include:

- Communicating with your child
- Listening skills
- Understanding their behaviour
- Coping with stress
- Discipline strategies

"The course wasn't what I expected at all. It's shown me that I'm not alone and given me the confidence boost I needed. I've learned there's no such thing as a perfect parent and my relationship with my son has grown so much stronger."

For more information or to book, contact Sarah Greene on 07387 250094 or email sarah.greene@blackpool.gov.uk



Choir Events

Children from our CTK Choir will be kicking off the Christmas festivities with a night of carol singing at a local Layton event. Our children are really looking forward to performing and would really appreciate any support. Our Christ the King choir will also be performing for another charity event on Saturday 10th December at Morrisons, Squires Gate. The time for the event is still yet to be confirmed but it is likely to be around 2.30pm. We will be raising money for charity once again. Your support is always much appreciated for these types of events.

Layton Community
Christmas Lights Switch On
STARTING 5:30PM **25th November** LIGHTS ON 6:15PM

BEST DRESSED WINDOW COMPETITION
JUDGED BY YOU ON THE NIGHT

PRIZE AWARDED BY THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF BLACKPOOL, COUNCILLOR KATHRYN BENSON AND MAYORESS MRS THERESE CLARK

PRESENTED ON FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER AT 3:30PM

BRASS BAND **XMAS STALLS** **CAROL SINGING**

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